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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: RURAL (NON-MPO) 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 4

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 4 to the rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated February 9, 2005. This FSTIP Amendment applies specifically to the FSTIP grouped project listings for the Hazard Elimination Safety Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program, and Statewide Preliminary Engineering System. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this amendment proposes to remove one grouped project listing and modify five grouped project listings in the triennial element of California's 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP. Based on our review, the non-MPO FSTIP Amendment No. 4 decreases funding commitments to projects listed in program year 2004/05 by \$68.889 million, decreases funding commitments in program year 2005/06 by \$158.342 million, and decreases funding commitments in program year 2006/07 by \$106.717 million. Pursuant to 23 CFR 450.216, project programming information provide for additional years beyond the current FSTIP triennial element is considered by the FHWA and the FTA only as informational.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR part 450 and find that the amendment is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions in 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are for non-regionally significant projects proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration pursuant to the single mode amendment procedures outlined in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, dated July 15, 2004.



This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for the inclusion of Amendment Number 4 for the rural non-MPO areas of the State into California's 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wade Hobbs

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